

2019 Values Voter Guide

SURVEY FOR:

On behalf of the **Cumberland 9/12 Project**, and in conjunction with **Conservative Christian Center** and **Cumberland County ACTION**, we invite you to participate in the **Cumberland County CANDIDATES FORUM**, which will be held on **TUESDAY, April 30, 2019**, from **6:30 PM to 9 PM**. (If the candidate fails to complete the survey, the grade of the survey may result in F. All surveys will have a score.)

Candidate Name & Contact Information

Name: Vincent T. DiFilippo

Seeking the office of: Cumberland County Commissioner

Your Personal Registered Political Party: Republican District of election: Cumberland County
For cross filed elections, what parties do you plan to run under: not applicable

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Survey Questions:

I. Background & Experience

*1. Date of birth: November 12, 1957

*2. Education:

St. Mary's Parochial School, West Grove, PA, grades 1 through 8, graduated 1971
Avon Grove High School, West Grove PA, grades 9 through 12, graduated 1975
Goldey Beacom College, Newark DE, BS in Business Administration with major in
accounting, graduated 1977 with Associates Degree; graduated in 1983 with BS
degree

*3. Military Service: (Yes, No, explain.) No. Wanted to join the military as a young adult but could not do so due to a heart condition, which was later corrected in 2009.

*4. Recent work experience: Cumberland County Commissioner since 2016. Prior to being elected as County Commissioner, I served as a Silver Spring Township Supervisor from 2006 to 2015 and also was employed for 31 years with Highmark Blue Shield.

*5. What is your marital status?

Married

Single

Divorced

Separated

*6. Do you regularly attend a house of worship?

Yes , No , Occasionally

***II. Survey Questions:** (Even if you don't think the office you are running for has the power to effect the changes in each question, please answer as if you did have the power.) (Try to pose your FINAL answers as FAVOR or DISAGREE.)

*1. Would you support the existing law regarding the deporting of illegal aliens who committed a felony? Yes

*2. Should government pay for members of the military to have sex change operations?
No

*3. Does “separation of church and state” prohibit churches from receiving public funding to address drug addiction?

I do not believe such funding would be prohibited as long as there is a demonstrated need.

* 4) If enacted as law, would you cut of funds to any locality which protect illegal aliens from law enforcement (ie. Sanctuary Cities, aka “outlaw cities”). I think this is a complex matter. Generally speaking, I believe I would support such action as noted above.

*5.) What is your position on providing a tax credit to businesses that donate to recognized 501(c)3 non-profit scholarship organizations which provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools, K-12? (Favor or not favor) I would favor such action if the need is proven by those requesting assistance, regardless of private, public or religious affiliation.

*6) Do you believe our Constitution is based upon natural law (ie., our rights come from God?) I believe the Declaration of Independence is based on natural law. I believe the Constitution is based upon both natural law and laws created by man.

*7) Do you believe that judges should evaluate the Constitution as being “strict constructional” (aka. “originalist”) or as being a “living document?” This is a great question. I think that judges should evaluate the Constitution as originalist. I think when some refer to the Constitution as a living document; their intention is good, but, it contradicts the original intent of our Founding Fathers. I think the biggest reason for support of the originalist interpretation is that it limits any particular generation from changing the Constitution because of current social views. The structure of the Constitution is the same for us as it was for the generation that produced it. Our Founding Fathers were geniuses and created a document where originalism supports, for example, limiting the size of government and also limiting the power of the judiciary branch of government.

*8) People (& students) should be allowed to use public restrooms, showers, and changing rooms based on the "gender identity" that each individual chooses. Agree or disagree?

I'm not certain I understand the question but for me, such public places should be for men or women—male or female. Not sure we need to make it any more complex than that.

*9) Abortions in some states are allowed in the third trimester. Unborn children, born during the third trimester, regularly survive.

a) Are there any health reasons of the mother during the third trimester that requires an abortion as opposed to a live birth? I am not in a position to answer the question in all situations. I don't think abortion should be used as an easy method of birth control. I believe a medical doctor would best be able to address the question regarding specific health reasons of

the mother.

b) For third trimester abortions, do you favor or oppose? Oppose (see 9a)

*10. As part of President John F. Kennedy's well known 1960 "Separation of Church and State" speech, he said that those who step out into the public square must be silent on this critical subject of what guides them in life when they seek office. Agree or disagree?

In reading President Kennedy's speech, I believe he was trying to inform people that government should not influence someone's religious beliefs and vice-versa. In that perspective, I agree. Instead of being considered as the potential first "Catholic" president, Kenney wanted to be referred to as a president who happens to be Catholic. But it does not address the entire issue. The term, "separation of church and state" does not appear in our Constitution and is and has been a very misleading term, in my opinion. I am not an attorney, but, I think our First Amendment actually protects private religious liberty. I think our government must recognize and protect religious choices as long as it does not make people engage in religious practices against their will. In my opinion, government may neither encourage nor prohibit religious freedom.

*11. Please explain your personal spiritual faith. Use as much space as you like or attach separately. Separate attachment.

Affirmation: *I do hereby affirm that the preceding survey questions have been answered truthfully by the undersigned & do represent my personal views.*

Signature _____ **Date** _____
(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)